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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Hubert Manhes
Serial No. 09/214,875	Filing Date: April 19, 1999
Title of Application:	Trocar Sleeve For Endoscopic Applications
Group Art Unit: 3731	Examiner: W. Lewis

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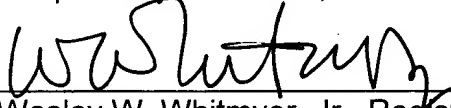
**Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])**

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of Two Months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on April 11, 2000.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$380.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.
4. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$380.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

September 4, 2000


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